

# HOUSE JOURNAL

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, FOURTH CALLED SESSION

## PROCEEDINGS

### FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,

Friday, October 12, 1934.

In obedience of the proclamation of Her Excellency, Miriam A. Ferguson, Governor of Texas, convening the Forty-third Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the twelfth day of October, 1934, the Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall, and at 12 o'clock m., the House was called to order by the Hon. Coke Stevenson, Speaker.

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read, the following proclamation by the Governor:

To All to Whom These Presents Shall  
Come:

I, Miriam A. Ferguson, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Forty-third Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin at twelve o'clock noon on Friday, the twelfth day of October, A. D. 1934, for the consideration of the following matters:

1. Remission of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes.

2. Authority for completion of what is known as the Buchanan Dam or dams on the Colorado River as now proposed, and necessary funds therefor.

3. Authority for the Brazos River project for construction of dams to impound and conserve the waters thereof and the reclamation of over-

flowed lands on said Brazos River and its tributaries, and necessary funds therefor.

4. The Texas Centennial and the provision for adequate funds therefor.

5. For additional and necessary relief for indigent and unemployed people of Texas as is now required.

6. To consider and act on such other subjects and questions as I as Governor may from time to time during said Called Session submit by message or otherwise to the Legislature.

The Secretary of State will hereby take notice of this action and notify the Members of the Legislature at once.

Done at Austin, Texas, this the eighth day of October, A. D. 1934, under the seal of the State properly attested by the Secretary of State.

(Signed)

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,  
Governor of Texas.

Attest:

W. W. HEATH,  
Secretary of State.

In obedience to the proclamation by the Governor, Speaker Stevenson called the House of Representatives of the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature to order.

The roll of the House was then called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Burns.
Adamson.	Calvert.
Aikin.	Camp.
Alsup.	Canon.
Atchison.	Cathey.
Baker.	Celaya.
Barron.	Chastain.
Bourne.	Clayton.
Bradley.	Colson.

Coombes.	Magee.
Cowley.	McCullough.
Crossley.	McGregor.
Davidson.	McKee.
Devall.	Merritt.
Dunlap.	Metcalfe.
Dwyer.	Mitcham.
Engelhard.	Moore.
Fain.	Morrison.
Fuchs.	Morse.
Glass.	Palmer.
Golson.	Parkhouse.
Good.	Patterson.
Goodman.	Pavlica.
Graves.	Pope.
Griffith.	Puryear.
Hankamer.	Ramsey.
Harman.	Ray.
Harris.	Reader.
Hartzog.	Reed of Bowie.
Head.	Reed of Dallas.
Hicks.	Renfro.
Hill.	Riddle.
Hodges.	Roark.
Holekamp.	Rogers
Holland.	of Ochiltree.
Holloway.	Rollins.
Hoskins.	Russell.
Huddleston.	Savage.
Hughes.	Scarborough.
Hunt.	Shannon.
Hunter.	Shults.
Hyder.	Smith.
James.	Steward.
Jefferson.	Stinson.
Johnson	Stovall.
of Anderson.	Tarwater.
Jones of Atascosa.	Thomas.
Jones of Runnels.	Tillery.
Jones of Shelby.	Townsend.
Kayton.	Van Zandt.
Kyle of Hays.	Vaughan.
Kyle of Palo Pinto.	Walker.
Laird.	Weinert.
Latham.	Wells.
Lemens.	Wood.
Long.	Young.
Mackay.	

## Absent—Excused

Alexander.	Jackson.
Anderson.	Johnson
Barrett.	of Dimmit.
Beck.	Lange.
Bedford.	Leonard.
Bergman.	Lindsey.
Butler.	Lotief.
Caven.	Mathis.
Daniel.	McDougald.
Dean.	Moffett.
Dunagan.	Munson.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Fisher.	Ratliff.
Ford.	Roberts.
Greathouse.	Rogers of Hunt.
Harrison.	Scott.
Hester.	Stanfield.

Stubbeman.	Wagstaff.
Tennyson.	Winningham.
Turlington.	

The Speaker announced a quorum of the House present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. W. Coltrin, Chaplain.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Lindsey for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Puryear.

Mr. Duvall and Mr. Greathouse for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Stubbeman for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Stovall.

Mr. Dean for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Jones of Runnels.

Mr. Daniel for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Burns.

Mr. Munson for today, on motion of Mr. Reed of Dallas.

Mr. Rogers of Hunt for today, on motion of Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. Lotief for today, on motion of Mr. Fuchs.

Mr. Winningham for today, on motion of Mr. Steward.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Butler for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Lange and Mr. Tennyson for today, on motion of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Leonard for today, on motion of Mr. Glass.

Mr. Ford for today, on motion of Mr. Head.

Mr. Dunagan for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Renfro.

Mr. Fisher for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Alsup.

Mr. Bedford and Mr. Wagstaff for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Aikin.

Mr. Harrison for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Bergman for today, on motion of Mr. Parkhouse.

Mr. Beck for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Nicholson for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. McKee.

Mr. Barrett for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Hoskins.

Mr. Scott for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Merritt.

Mr. Hester for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Hyder.

Mr. Caven and Mr. Turlington for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Latham.

Mr. Anderson for today, on motion of Mr. Dwyer.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Moffett for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Hoskins.

Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ratliff, and Mr. Stanfield for today, on motion of Mr. Kayton.

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Head.

Mr. Mathis for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Moore.

Mr. McDougald for today on account of illness in his family, on motion of Mr. Scarborough.

#### PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEES TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE

Mr. Hyder offered the following resolution:

'Be it resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees, of five Members each, one to notify the Governor, and the other to notify the Senate, that the House of Representatives is now organized and ready to transact business.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify Governor: Messrs. Hyder, Harris, Hodges, Huddleston, and Holekamp.

To notify Senate: Messrs. Clayton, Townsend, Crossley, Jones of Runnels, and Canon.

#### GOVERNOR NOTIFIED

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business, appeared at the Bar of the House, and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

#### SENATE NOTIFIED

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business, appeared at the Bar of the House, and, being duly announced,

stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

#### HOUSE NOTIFIED

A committee from the Senate appeared at the Bar of the House, and, being duly announced, stated that the Senate is now organized and ready for the transaction of business.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Engelhard, Mr. Graves, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Bradley:

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a conservation and reclamation district to be known as Lower Colorado River Authority, pursuant to and for the purposes set forth in Section 59, of Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and to be a governmental agency, body politic and corporate, without power to mortgage or encumber any of the property, or to alienate any property necessary to its business, or to levy taxes or assessments or to create any indebtedness payable out of taxes or assessments, or to pledge the credit of the State; fixing the boundaries thereof; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Harman:

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses and to pay the mileage and per diem of Members and the per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Harman, Mr. Head, Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto, Mr. Butler, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hodges, Mr. James, and Mr. Ray:

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the Brazos River Con-

servation and Reclamation District in preparing the necessary plans, specifications and data and in making the necessary surveys, and in acquiring the necessary lands, leases, easements and/or acquittances, and in building or having built and/or co-operating in the building of proper structures, reservoirs and levees suitable for the control, in so far as practicable, of the flood waters of the Brazos River watershed; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Engelhard:

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay miscellaneous claims out of the General Fund; authorizing the payment of certain sums out of the Highway Fund; authorizing payment of said miscellaneous claims on the taking effect of this Act."

Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Coombes, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Good, Mr. Head, Mr. Scarborough, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Russell, Mr. Butler, Mr. Aikin, and Mr. Roark:

H. B. No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Board of Legal Examiners with the approval of the Supreme Court to appoint an assistant to serve during the months of February and March, June and July, October and November; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Alsup, Mr. Jones of Runnels, Mr. Scarborough, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Atchison, Mr. Engelhard, Mr. Shults, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Colson, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Renfro, Mr. Parkhouse, Mr. Coombes, and Mr. Reed of Dallas:

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act releasing interest and penalties on ad valorem and poll taxes that were delinquent on or before October 1, 1934, due the State, any county, common school district, road district, levee improvement district, water improvement district, water control and improvement district, irrigation district, and other defined subdivisions of the State, provided

same are paid on or before January 31, 1935; provided said taxes are paid during the month of February, 1935, with an addition of one per cent (1%) penalty thereon; provided said taxes are paid during the month of March, 1935, with an addition of two per cent (2%) penalty thereon; provided said taxes are paid during the month of April, 1935, with an addition of three per cent (3%) penalty thereon; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Pope, Mr. Canon, Mr. Aikin, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Scarborough, Mr. Golson, Mr. Greathouse, Mr. Laird, Mr. Jones of Shelby, Mr. Engelhard, Mr. Morse, Mr. Rogers of Ochiltree, Mr. Lotief, Mr. Puryear, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Shults, Mr. Jones of Runnels, Mr. Bergman, Mr. Reed of Bowie, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Steward, Mr. Mitcham, Mr. Reader, Mr. Roark, Mr. Tarwater, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Holkamp, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Walker, Mr. Young, Mr. Renfro, Mr. Head, Mr. Tillery, Mr. Moffett, Mr. Ray, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ford, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stubbeman, Mr. Kayton, Mr. Hankamer, Mr. Stovall, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Long, Mr. Pavlica, Mr. Russell, Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Merritt, Mr. James, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Stanfield, Mr. Colson, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Parkhouse, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Rogers of Hunt, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Savage, Mr. Smith, Mr. Baker, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hartzog, Mr. Burns, Mr. Weinert, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Winningham, Mr. Holland, Mr. Atchison, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Turlington, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Celaya, Mr. Butler, Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto, Mr. Mathis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Barron, Mr. Johnson of Anderson, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Hyder, Mr. Harris, Mr. Van Zandt, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Cathey, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Dunagan, Mr. Good, Mr. McCullough, Mr. Coombes, Mr. Hill of Brazoria, and Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of releasing the interest and penalties on all delinquent ad valorem and poll taxes that were delinquent on or before August 1, 1934, due the State, any county, city school district, road district, levee improvement district,

water improvement district, and water control and improvement district, irrigation district and other defined subdivisions of the State; provided same are paid on or before March 31, 1935, with an addition of one per cent (1%) on said taxes; provided said taxes are paid after March 31, 1935, and on or before December 31, 1935, with an addition of two per cent (2%) on said taxes; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Jones of Atascosa:

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act releasing penalties and interest on ad valorem and poll taxes that were delinquent on or before September 1, 1934, due the State and certain subdivisions of the State; provided same are voluntarily paid on or before March 31, 1935, together with two per cent (2%) penalty, or on or before June 30, 1935, together with four per cent (4%) penalty; or on or before August 31, 1935, together with six per cent (6%) penalty; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. McKee, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Coombes, Mr. Russell, Mr. Good, Mr. Pavlica, and Mr. Hunt:

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act for procuring Federal funds to provide work for the relief of the unemployed persons of Texas; authorizing the State Highway Commission as defined herein, to construct toll bridges and approaches thereto on State highways with funds procured from the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, through loans and grants, either or both, to operate and maintain said bridges and in reference to each such bridge to issue and to deliver to the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, interest-bearing securities, bearing four per cent (4%) interest, with provisions for registration as to ownership; etc, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Mr. Harman, House Bill No. 2 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Harman, the Twenty-four-Hour House Rule, relative to the consideration of printed bills, was suspended for the purpose of considering, at this time, House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Harman moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that House Bill No. 2 be placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment and on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—107

Adamson.	Hyder.
Aikin.	James.
Alsup.	Jefferson.
Atchison.	Johnson
Baker.	of Anderson.
Barron.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bourne.	Jones of Runnels.
Bradley.	Kayton.
Burns.	Kyle of Hays.
Calvert.	Kyle of Palo Pinto.
Camp.	Laird.
Canon.	Latham.
Cathey.	Lemens.
Celaya.	Long.
Chastain.	Mackay.
Clayton.	Magee.
Colson.	McCullough.
Coombes.	McGregor.
Cowley.	Merritt.
Crossley.	Metcalf.
Davidson.	Mitcham.
Devall.	Moore.
Dunlap.	Morrison.
Dwyer.	Morse.
Engelhard.	Palmer.
Fain.	Parkhouse.
Fuchs.	Patterson.
Glass.	Pavlica.
Golson.	Pope.
Good.	Puryear.
Goodman.	Ramsey.
Graves.	Ray.
Griffith.	Reader.
Hankamer.	Reed of Bowie.
Harman.	Reed of Dallas.
Harris.	Renfro.
Hartzog.	Riddle.
Head.	Roark.
Hicks.	Rogers
Hill.	of Ochiltree.
Hodges.	Rollins.
Holekamp.	Russell.
Holland.	Savage.
Holloway.	Scarborough.
Hoskins.	Shannon.
Huddleston.	Shults.
Hughes.	Smith.
Hunt.	Steward.
Hunter.	Stinson.

Stovall.  
Thomas.  
Tillery.  
Townsend.  
Van Zandt.  
Vaughan.

Walker.  
Weinert.  
Wells.  
Wood.  
Young.

## Absent

Jones of Shelby. McKee.

## Absent—Excused

Alexander.	Lange.
Anderson.	Leonard.
Barrett.	Lindsey.
Beck.	Lotief.
Bedford.	Mathis.
Bergman.	McDougald.
Butler.	Moffett.
Caven.	Munson.
Daniel.	Nicholson.
Dean.	Ratliff.
Dunagan.	Roberts.
Duvall.	Rogers of Hunt.
Fisher.	Scott.
Ford.	Stanfield.
Greathouse.	Stubbeman.
Harrison.	Tarwater.
Hester.	Tennyson.
Jackson.	Turlington.
Johnson	Wagstaff.
of Dimmit.	Winningham.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses and to pay the mileage and per diem of Members and the per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 2 ON THIRD READING

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 2 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—108

Adamson.	Atchison.
Aikin.	Baker.
Alsop.	Barron.

Bourne.	Kyle of Palo Pinto.
Bradley.	Laird.
Burns.	Latham.
Calvert.	Lemens.
Camp.	Long.
Canon.	Mackay.
Cathey.	Magee.
Celaya.	McCullough.
Chastain.	McGregor.
Clayton.	McKee.
Colson.	Merritt.
Coombes.	Metcalfe.
Cowley.	Mitcham.
Crossley.	Moore.
Davidson.	Morrison.
Devall.	Morse.
Dunlap.	Palmer.
Dwyer.	Parkhouse.
Engelhard.	Patterson.
Fain.	Pavlica.
Fuchs.	Pope.
Glass.	Puryear.
Golson.	Ramsey.
Good.	Ray.
Goodman.	Reader.
Graves.	Reed of Bowie.
Griffith.	Reed of Dallas.
Hankamer.	Renfro.
Harman.	Riddle.
Harris.	Roark.
Hartzog.	Rogers
Head.	of Ochiltree.
Hicks.	Rollins.
Hill.	Russell.
Hodges.	Savage.
Holekamp.	Scarborough.
Holland.	Shannon.
Holloway.	Shults.
Hoskins.	Smith.
Huddleston.	Steward.
Hughes.	Stinson.
Hunt.	Stovall.
Hunter.	Thomas.
Hyder.	Tillery.
James.	Townsend.
Jefferson.	Van Zandt.
Johnson	Vaughan.
of Anderson.	Walker.
Jones of Atascosa.	Weinert.
Jones of Runnels.	Wells.
Kayton.	Wood.
Kyle of Hays.	Young.

## Absent

Jones of Shelby.

## Absent—Excused

Alexander.	Daniel.
Anderson.	Dean.
Barrett.	Dunagan.
Beck.	Duvall.
Bedford.	Fisher.
Bergman.	Ford.
Butler.	Greathouse.
Caven.	Harrison.

Hester.	Nicholson.
Jackson.	Ratliff.
Johnson	Roberts.
of Dimmit.	Rogers of Hunt.
Lange.	Scott.
Leonard.	Stanfield.
Lindsey.	Stubbeman.
Lotief.	Tarwater.
Mathis.	Tennyson.
McDougald.	Turlington.
Moffett.	Wagstaff.
Munson.	Winningham.

### COMPLETING ORGANIZATION

Mr. Harman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is the duty of the State of Texas to furnish the House of Representatives and its Members with the proper facilities, employes, and supplies, to permit them to conduct and transact their official business in a businesslike and efficient manner; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the following for the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, to serve for such compensation as is herein provided, unless otherwise specified:

1. Parliamentarian to the House, at \$7.50 per day.
2. Two secretaries to the Speaker, at \$5.00 per day, each.
3. Two secretaries to the Chief Clerk, at \$5.00 per day, each.
4. One bookkeeper to the Chief Clerk, at \$5.00 per day.
5. One assistant to the Journal Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.
6. One assistant to the Calendar Clerk, at \$5.00 per day.
7. One clerk to the Committee on Appropriations, at \$5.00 per day.
8. One stenographer for the Committee on Appropriations, at \$5.00 per day.
9. One page to the Committee on Appropriations, at \$2.50 per day.
10. One superintendent of stenographers, at \$6.50 per day.
11. Fifty expert stenographers and typists, at \$4.00 per day, each.
12. Four committee clerks, at \$4.00 per day, each.
13. One clerk for the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$5.00 per day.
14. One assistant clerk to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$4.00 per day.

15. One mailing clerk for the Journal, at \$4.00 per day.

16. One assistant mailing clerk for the Journal, at \$3.50 per day.

17. One supply clerk and storekeeper, at \$3.00 per day.

18. One assistant supply clerk, at \$2.50 per day.

19. One page to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$2.50 per day.

20. One porter to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, at \$2.50 per day.

21. One page to the Doorkeeper, at \$3.50 per day.

22. One page for the Enrolling and Engrossing Rooms, at \$2.50 per day.

23. One page for the stenographic force, at \$2.50 per day.

24. One messenger to carry papers to the Confederate Homes, at \$2.50 per day.

25. Thirty pages, at \$2.50 per day, each.

26. One multigraph and/or mimeograph clerk, at \$4.00 per day.

27. One secretary to Mr. Van Zandt, at \$3.00 per day.

28. One secretary to Mr. Alsup, at \$3.00 per day.

29. One secretary to Mr. Hicks, at \$3.00 per day.

30. Three assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, at \$4.00 per day, each.

31. One night watchman, at \$3.00 per day.

32. One assistant night watchman, at \$3.00 per day.

33. Ten porters, at \$2.00 per day, each.

34. One superintendent of porters, at \$3.50 per day.

35. Two elevator boys, at \$2.00 per day, each.

36. One day houseman, at \$3.00 per day.

37. One night houseman, at \$3.00 per day.

38. One chief operator for voting machine, at \$7.50 per day.

39. One assistant operator for voting machine, at \$5.00 per day.

Be it further resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered to dispense with the services of any employe who, in his judgment, is not further needed; or for the misconduct of any employe, and he shall have the power to appoint extra help whenever, in his judgment, it is needed. The duties of the employes heretofore mentioned shall be such

as are required by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Any of the employes may be excused by the Speaker for causes deemed by him sufficient; provided further, that any employe who shall absent himself without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during his absence. The salaries of the employes shall begin when they are instructed to begin work by the Speaker; be it further

Resolved, That each Member of the House of Representatives of the Forty-third Legislature, be and is, herewith allowed a credit in the sum of \$30.00 each with the Committee on Contingent Expenses for expenditure for stationery, supplies, postage, telephone tolls and/or telegraph tolls. The Speaker shall be allowed an additional \$30.00, the Chief Clerk shall be allowed \$30.00, the Committee on Contingent Expenses shall be allowed \$20.00, the Committee on Appropriations shall be allowed \$20.00, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be allowed \$7.50 for stamps and supplies.

The Committee on Contingent Expenses shall procure and keep for the use of the House, its Members, officers, and committees, such stationery, stamps, and other supplies as may be needed and ordered by the House, the Speaker, and/or the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. The clerk of the Committee on Contingent Expenses shall keep an itemized account of the quantity of every kind of material received, the date it was received, the price paid therefor, and the person from whom it was received. The unused remainder, if any, shall be delivered at the close of the Session to the Board of Control for safekeeping. The office of this Committee shall be kept open daily, except on Sundays, from 8:30 a. m. until one hour after adjournment of the House, and on Sundays, from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. The Committee shall keep a set of books, containing an account for each Member, officer, and/or committee authorized by the House, to expend stationery, supplies, stamps, telephone and/or telegraph tolls, and shall charge to each such account its daily withdrawals. The clerk of the Committee shall furnish a statement to each of the accounts, monthly or when requested.

The Committee on Contingent Ex-

penses shall have jurisdiction over the mailing of the Journal.

Each Member shall be furnished with a post-office box, rent of which is to be paid by the Committee.

Each Member shall be furnished with two weekly and/or daily newspapers of his own selection.

All requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills and/or resolutions, for the use of the Enrolling and Engrossing rooms and/or the standing committees of the House shall be under the direction and care of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. This Committee is also authorized to rent a sufficient number of typewriters and other business machines for the use of the House and its employes, and to furnish same with proper materials; be it further

Resolved, That twelve hundred copies of the House Journal be printed daily; one hundred to be delivered to the Senate, one copy to be placed on each Member's desk daily, seventy-five copies to be delivered to the State Library, and the remainder to be left with the Committee on Contingent Expenses for distribution under the direction of the Speaker;

Resolved further, That no allowances included in this resolution shall be expended except for the actual salaries and/or expenses of the House, its Members, officers, committees, and/or employes hereinabove named. All such funds necessary to be expended in payment of the above shall be paid out of the Contingent Expense Fund of the House.

The Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint two or more persons to perform the service imposed on any position created hereby and to apportion the time and compensation between such appointees, provided the total of such divided compensation shall not exceed the amount herein fixed for such position.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

#### EXTENDING PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR TO NOMINEES FOR FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Mr. James offered the following resolution:

Whereas, During this Called Session there will doubtless be in the City of Austin from time to time



those who have been nominated for election as Members of the Forty-fourth Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That in order for these nominees to become familiar with the procedure of the Legislature, that the privileges of the floor are hereby extended to all nominees for election to the Legislature during their stay in the City of Austin.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read the following message from the Governor:

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, October 12, 1934.

To the Forty-third Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

By proclamation duly dated October 8, A. D. 1934, I have convened the Legislature in Special Session to meet at high noon on this, the 12th day of October, A. D. 1934, for the consideration of the following matters, and none other:

1. Remission of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes.

2. Authority for completion of what is known as the Buchanan Dam or dams on the Colorado River as now proposed, and necessary funds therefor.

3. Authority for the Brazos River Project for construction of dams to impound and conserve the waters thereof and the reclamation of overflowed lands, on said Brazos River and its tributaries, and necessary funds therefor.

4. The Texas Centennial and the provision for adequate funds therefor.

5. For additional and necessary relief for indigent and unemployed people of Texas as is now required.

6. To consider and act on such other subjects and questions as I as Governor may from time to time, during said called session, submit by message or otherwise to the Legislature.

With reference to said six matters submitted for your consideration, I desire to say:

First, I consider that the remission of penalty and interest on delinquent

taxes at this time is perhaps one of the most vital questions affecting the condition of the people. There are thousands of homes that are now sought to be refinanced, but are not able to close said loans because the interest and penalty on taxes for some years back has accumulated in such an amount as makes it impossible for the borrower to pay same and meet the other requirements of the loaning agencies. If full penalty and interest is required to be paid now, then it will be unjust discrimination in favor of the people who were fortunate enough to be able to pay their taxes when due. If interest and penalty is required, then the people who are required to pay same will have paid far more taxes than the taxpayers who paid their taxes when due. In some instances the penalty and interest will amount to as much as the original tax, and in a great majority of instances the interest and penalty amounts to fifty per cent of the original tax. To require these penalties and interest to be paid would be a tax on misfortune from which the rest of the taxpaying public would reap the benefit. I do not believe any fair taxpayer, though he has paid his taxes when due, will desire to take advantage of or have the Government take advantage of his brother taxpayer's misfortune.

Again, if penalties and interest are remitted, the State can hope to collect thousands of dollars of the original amount of taxes which will otherwise never be collected because thousands of taxpayers can never pay the liens and taxes plus penalty and interest now asked for under the law.

Second, the completion of what is known as the Buchanan Dam on the Colorado River was considered at length in the last Special Session of the Legislature, and I trust that confusion and intensity of feeling will not arise in the discussion of this matter again. In my opinion completion of this project will be of great benefit in combating the evils of unemployment now raging, and will add great values to the agricultural area which has connection to and relation with this project.

Third, authority for the Brazos River Project for construction of dams to impound the waters of said river and the reclamation of overflowed lands located on said river and its tributaries is perhaps the largest indus-

trial project ever proposed in Texas. It will mean no less than an expenditure by the Federal Government of fifty million dollars, and will have potential values to the agricultural area adjacent to same in the sum of one hundred million dollars in the years to come. As the Federal Government has indicated its willingness to back this proposition it would be the height of folly for Texas to reject the only opportunity it ever had to obtain the aid of the Federal Government in a project that will mean employment to thousands and the increase of millions of additional values.

Fourth, the Texas Centennial is another great project now within the grasp of the people of Texas, and were it a proposition to levy a tax upon the people in the sum of five million dollars or less without hope or possibility of reimbursement, I am frank to say that I would not approve the idea. But, since the people of Texas have voted a constitutional amendment providing for the holding of this Centennial and power to obtain funds for the holding of same, and feeling that aside from the patriotic impulses and gratification to every Texan in the celebration of one hundred years of our existence that there is every hope that the holding of said Centennial will mean tangible and material profit to our citizenship, I have decided to add my endorsement to this project, and I trust that the Legislature will weigh the subject well and carefully provide for the protection of the interests of the State and make due provision for the holding of this grand and glorious exposition.

I realize that it will cost a large sum of money—perhaps five million dollars—but in return for this expenditure Texas will receive an advertisement in the visit of people from every foreign state and nation that will place us before the world as one of its greatest commonwealths. The Texas Centennial will bring in my opinion ten million new people to Texas who will spend an average of ten dollars each for the manufactured products of our natural resources. Or, if I am wrong in my figures, then I will say that it will bring five million people who will spend twenty dollars each. No matter how you figure the Centennial, it means a hundred million dol-

lars new money turned loose in Texas. I am for it.

Fifth. Since the adjournment of the last Session of the Legislature the relief rolls of the State have continued to grow, and the latest estimate today is that we have two hundred sixty-seven thousand families now receiving relief in Texas. I am informed that the number is growing every day and will probably reach three hundred thousand families or one and one-half million people. Or in other words, one-fourth of the people in Texas will be receiving aid from the Government.

I regret to learn that under the plea of economy that the average family on relief rolls should receive only twenty dollars per month. This, in my opinion, would be a niggardly policy. With the country having gone through a disastrous drought and the great portion of our State having made little or no crops, I do not see how for the next five months any family can subsist on such a small amount. I believe those in charge of relief at Washington, and I know that our great Christian President, would abhor the idea of such penurious restrictions upon the people in this hour of their great misfortune. I want to say to this Legislature that in my opinion for the next five months the average family in Texas should receive not less than thirty dollars a month and continue the same until next spring, if possible. I think I will be permitted to say that I have always stood for economy in government and reduction in appropriations where possible. But I want no honor for economy at the expense of hungry mothers and fathers and crying children and babies. Let me say to the Legislature that if there have been abuses in the distribution of relief funds, then, as far as possible, correct same and remove the unworthy from official employment, but by all means do not commit a crime against our unfortunate people by withholding from them aid which a Christian State and a Christian people are able to provide. The last Legislature with the lights before it and rather by compromise only set aside one million dollars a month for the next five months for relief. I submit this is grossly inadequate, and I urge the Legislature to amend its recent Act and either increase the

monthly budget or, what is to me more wise, provide for the sale of the remaining three and a half million dollar bonds now unissued and leave the Board of Control, as the distributing agency of the fund, free to meet the problems of hunger and discomfort which are afflicting us this very minute.

Sixth, if the Legislature will dispose of these matters with dispatch, we may find time to consider other important matters.

I trust that the Legislature will continuously consider these matters which I have submitted for your consideration, and I am willing to cooperate in any way possible, even to the extent of working six days in the week. If the Legislature will join me we will show the people that we are religiously imbued with the problems of their necessities.

I invite the Membership to visit my office from time to time and permit me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,  
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,  
Governor of Texas.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. McGregor, the House, at 2 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

#### APPENDIX

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Appropriations filed a favorable report on House Bill No. 2.

#### SECOND DAY

(Monday, October 15, 1934)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Barron.
Adamson.	Beck.
Aikin.	Bergman.
Alexander.	Bourne.
Alsup.	Bradley.
Atchison.	Burns.
Baker.	Butler.
Barrett.	Calvert.

Camp.	Lotief.
Canon.	Mackay.
Cathey.	Magee.
Caven.	McCullough.
Chastain.	McKee.
Clayton.	Merritt.
Colson.	Metcalfe.
Cowley.	Mitcham.
Crossley.	Moffett.
Daniel.	Moore.
Davidson.	Morrison.
Dean.	Morse.
Devall.	Munson.
Dunlap.	Nicholson.
Dunagan.	Palmer.
Duvall.	Parkhouse.
Dwyer.	Patterson.
Engelhard.	Pavlica.
Fain.	Pope.
Fisher.	Puryear.
Ford.	Ramsey.
Fuchs.	Ratliff.
Glass.	Ray.
Golson.	Reed of Bowie.
Good.	Reed of Dallas.
Goodman.	Renfro.
Graves.	Riddle.
Greathouse.	Roark.
Griffith.	Roberts.
Hankamer.	Rogers of Hunt.
Harman.	Rogers
Harris.	of Ochiltree.
Hartzog.	Rollins.
Head.	Russell.
Hicks.	Savage.
Hill.	Scarborough.
Hodges.	Scott.
Holekamp.	Shannon.
Holland.	Shults.
Holloway.	Smith.
Hoskins.	Stanfield.
Huddleston.	Steward.
Hughes.	Stinson.
Hunt.	Stovall.
Hunter.	Tarwater.
Hyder.	Tennyson.
Jackson.	Thomas.
James.	Tillery.
Jefferson.	Townsend.
Jones of Atascosa.	Turlington.
Jones of Runnels.	Van Zandt.
Jones of Shelby.	Vaughan.
Kyle of Hays.	Walker.
Kyle of Palo Pinto.	Weinert.
Laird.	Wells.
Latham.	Winningham.
Lemens.	Wood.
Lindsey.	Young.

#### Absent

Anderson.	Long.
Harrison.	Mathis.
Johnson	McGregor.
of Anderson.	

#### Absent—Excused

Bedford.	Celaya.
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